text portion [of a document] and for creating the other than text portion of the document;

b) encoding means for automatically encoding said representations created with said authoring components into an Internet-compatible email message; and

c) decoding means for automatically decoding said representations encoded by said encoding means.

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26. An electronic mail client, comprising:

a) a plurality of authoring and reading components, each authoring component for creating a different kind of email message;

b) encoding means for automatically encoding email messages created with said authoring components into an Internet-compatible email message with said email message including a message type identifier; and

c) decoding means for automatically decoding said email messages encoded by said encoding means, wherein

said message type identifier is used to determine which reading component is used to read a decoded email message.

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